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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | ) | NO. CR 22-00171 EMC    |
|                           | ) | [FILED APRIL 27, 2022] |
| Plaintiff,                | ) |                        |
|                           | ) |                        |
| v.                        | ) |                        |
|                           | ) |                        |
| DAVID MATA,               | ) |                        |
|                           | ) |                        |
| Defendant.                | ) |                        |

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | ) | NO. CR 20-00249 RS                   |
|                           | ) | [FILED JUNE 22, 2020]                |
| Plaintiff,                | ) |                                      |
|                           | ) |                                      |
| v.                        | ) | NOTICE OF RELATED CASE IN A CRIMINAL |
|                           | ) | ACTION                               |
|                           | ) |                                      |
| ROWLAND MARCUS ANDRADE,   | ) |                                      |
|                           | ) |                                      |
| Defendant.                | ) |                                      |

The United States of America, pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 8-1, hereby notifies the Court that the two above-captioned criminal cases are related. Defendant Andrade was indicted in June 2020 on charges related to an alleged fraud scheme related to the development and promotion of a cryptocurrency called AML Bitcoin. Those charges remain pending. Defendant Mata was charged via

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1 Information in April 2022 pursuant to a separate alleged fraud scheme related to the management of a  
2 cryptocurrency investment fund, Block Bits Fund. However, defendant Mata was also aware of and  
3 involved in the AML Bitcoin scheme with defendant Andrade. Thus, the cases against defendants  
4 Andrade and Mata involve similar and overlapping sets of facts. The government anticipates that  
5 Defendant Mata is a potential witness in any trial against Andrade. Accordingly, the government  
6 believes that the case against defendant Mata should be related and heard by the same judge who is  
7 overseeing the case against defendant Andrade, U.S. District Court Judge Richard Seeborg. Based upon  
8 these facts, the cases are related within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(1) because they involve the  
9 same events and occurrences, in addition to overlapping parties. Furthermore, the cases are related  
10 within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(2) because, if heard by separate judges, the actions likely  
11 would involve substantial duplication of labor by the two judges.

12 Per the requirement of Local Criminal Rule 8-1(c)(4), government counsel states that assignment  
13 of these cases to a single judge is likely to conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient  
14 determination of each action.

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16 DATED: May 5, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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